

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Special Medical Advisory Group

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Special Medical Advisory Group

3b. GSA Committee No.

1351

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/16/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 7312

13. Effective Date

01/01/1945

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date Report Title

04/11/2018 Special Medical Advisory Group New Hampshire Vision 2025

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 11 17b. Closed 2 17c. Partially Closed 1 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 14

Meetings and Dates

| | Purpose | Start | End |
|---|--|------------|------------|
| | Provide strategic advice on topics such as Community Care, Accountability, Health Improvement Center and Office of the Medical Inspector | 10/18/2017 | 10/18/2017 |
| | Provide strategic advice on topics such as Community Care, Accountability, Health Improvement Center and Office of the Medical Inspector | 04/11/2018 | 04/11/2018 |
| | Provide strategic advice Electronic Health Record Modernization and VHA Central Office Reorganization | 06/06/2018 | 06/06/2018 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Listening session with Whistleblowers, Veterans and congressional staff, tour facility | 10/03/2017 | 10/04/2017 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Review Master Planning Analysis, Market Assessment Update | 10/16/2017 | 10/16/2017 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Review Mental Health Service Line Model, Focus Group Reports, Surgery Service Line Model | 10/31/2017 | 11/01/2017 |

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| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Review of Foundational Services, Review data: Encounters, Unique Veterans, Choice Data | 11/13/2017 - 11/13/2017 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Review updated Mental Health Service Line presentation, Rehab Service Line, Medicine Service Line, Radiology Service Line, Geriatric Service Line, Care in the Community, Culture of Improvement | 11/29/2017 - 11/30/2017 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Reviewed focus groups responses | 12/18/2017 - 12/18/2017 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Update on Market Assessments, Manchester Construction Projects | 01/09/2018 - 01/10/2018 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Telehealth Overview, Errera Community Care Center Visit, Discuss facts that will contribute to recommendations | 01/22/2018 - 01/22/2018 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | discuss preliminary recommendations, update on focus group response, update on Manchester Culture Task Force, Coordination of services between White River Junction and Manchester (Current and future state) | 02/15/2018 - 02/15/2018 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Briefing from the office of the Medical Inspector and the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection | 03/05/2018 - 03/05/2018 |
| [VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force] | Listening Session with Whistleblowers | 03/14/2018 - 03/14/2018 |

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 14

| | Current FY | Next FY |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.00 | 0.00 |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee advises the Secretary and Under Secretary on matters relating to the statutory mission of care and treatment of Veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Veterans Health Administration such as research, education and training, and VA/DoD contingency planning. The Committee considers emerging health care trends to make recommendations to VA as VA embarks on improving systems, rebuilding trust of Veterans and the American People, and continuing to be a learning organization. The Committee reviews extensive documents prior to the meetings and comes prepared to have an in-depth discussion and provide real-time feedback to the presenters and

USH/SECVA. This year SMAG reviewed matters related to several of VA's Strategic Goals: Integrated Care - Community Care and Manchester Vision 2021; Accountability - challenges implementing the new Accountability law; and Modernize Systems - Implement Health Improvement Center, Electronic Health Record Modernization, and reorganization of VA Central Office.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee has several statutory members, to include representatives from the medical, optometric, podiatric, allied health professions and a disabled Veteran. The additional members bring expertise in the areas of mental health, clinical quality, measurement and metrics, academic partnerships, research and leaders of large private sector healthcare organizations. Members offer the perspective of their professional disciplines, professional affiliations, and the geographic areas from which they come. To increase the diversity of the health professions and clinical expertise, we increased the membership up to 20.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee usually meets twice a year. In FY18 they had a third meeting that was virtual. The Committee members provide guidance and advice to the Under Secretary for Health and the Secretary on current matters of importance to VA and to the health care of our Veterans. The Committee members are senior and distinguished individuals in the field who are leaders within their professions. Therefore, their advice is carefully considered by the Under Secretary and Secretary.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The members of the SMAG are highly regarded experts in their field with experience leading large healthcare organizations. The majority are non-government employees, therefore, their experience in the private sector is pivotal as the VA is expanding services in the community and modernizing to conform to best practices in the private sector.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

We partially closed one meeting this year to offer a tour of a VA Medical Center to the SMAG members. This was relevant so they understand and personally view the health system upon which their recommendations may impact. Due to logistics and concern over patient privacy, the tour could not be open to the public.

21. Remarks

A 13 member subcommittee was established to specifically make recommendations on

the future vision on what VA must do to meet the needs of Veterans in the state New Hampshire.

Designated Federal Officer

Brenda Faas Senior Advisor, Transformational Initiatives

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--|---|
| Cook, Keith | 11/01/2015 | 11/01/2019 | Director, Podiatric Medical Education and Residency Training, University Hospital | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Daley, Jennifer | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Cigna Health Care System | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Hamilton, Michelle | 11/24/2015 | 11/24/2017 | Chief of Dental Service Orlando, VAMC, Director of Research, VA Office of Dentistry | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |
| Ignagni, Karen | 09/01/2017 | 09/01/2019 | President and CEO, Emblem Health | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Ilem, Joy | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Deputy National Legislative Director, Disabled American Veterans | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Kirch, Darrell | 09/01/2017 | 09/01/2019 | President and CEO, Association of American Medical Colleges | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Lee, Thomas | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Chief Medical Officer, Press Ganey & Associates, Inc. | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Levin, Saul | 09/01/2017 | 09/30/2019 | CEO and Medical Director, American Psychiatric Association | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Martin, James | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Physician, James Lovell Health Care Center | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |
| Meyer, Gregg | 09/01/2017 | 09/01/2019 | Chief Clinical Officer, Partners Healthcare System | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Perlin, Jonathan | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | President, Clinical Services and Chief Medical Officer, Hospital Corporation of America | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Pollack, Richard | 09/01/2017 | 09/01/2019 | President and CEO, American Hospital Association | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Sandy, Lewis | 08/08/2018 | 08/08/2020 | United Health Group-clinical innovation, payment/delivery reforms to modernize our health care system, and physician/health professional collaboration | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Shipp, Melvin | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Dean Emeritus The Ohio State University College of Optometry | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Siegel, Bruce | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | America's Essential Hospitals | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Snyderman, Ralph | 04/01/2015 | 04/01/2019 | Duke University Department of Medicine | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

Trautman, Deborah 04/01/2015 04/01/2019 American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Weinstein, James 04/01/2015 04/01/2019 CEO and President of Dartmouth Hitchcock

Special Government
Employee (SGE)
Member
Special Government
Employee (SGE)
Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

The Group provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on matters relating to the care and treatment of Veterans and other matters pertinent to the operations of the Veterans Health Administration (e.g. research, education and training, resources, information technology, quality and safety of care, costs and VA/DoD contingency planning)

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

59

Number of Recommendations Comments

The recommendations are from 1945 through FY 2018. The Veterans Health Administration reviews the recommendations and rationale and implements as appropriate.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

49%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Some of the recommendations required responding to questions only and may not require any implementation plan

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

8%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Some of the recommendations requiring construction funding which engages in a lengthy review process.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Formal correspondence and action plans are sent from the Committee Chair to the SECVA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A